AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 17 (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting digitally coded traffic information, comprising the step of:

transmitting the digitally coded traffic information according to predetermined regulations between a transmitter and at least one receiver via at least one of a unidirectional information channel and a bidirectional information channel,

wherein:

a subset of possible options of the predetermined regulations is defined, the options relating to at least one of a TMC message format and the ALERT-C Syntax; and

the digitally coded traffic information does not make use of all the options, and is always at least one of coded, transmitted, and decoded according to the subset.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein:

the subset provides for information options, and

the information options provide for at least one information block.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein:

the information options provide for one information block.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein:

the information block provides for one single-information option, and

the single-information option of the subset provides for at least one of a first extent-of-increase symbol and a second extent-of-increase symbol.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein:

one of the at least one information block provides for a single-event option that provides for an item of length information.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein:

one of the at least one information block provides for a multiple-use option that provides for one optional event.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein:

the subset provides for an information portion,

the information portion provides for an item of location information, and

the item of location information of the subset is present in the information portion in coded form according to a location table.

25. (Currently Amended) A receiver for receiving and processing digitally coded traffic information, comprising:

an arrangement for decoding the digitally coded traffic information according to a subset of possible options of predetermined regulations, the options relating to at least one of a TMC message format and the ALERT-C Syntax,

wherein the digitally coded traffic information does not make use of all the options.

26. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a signal that includes the digitally coded traffic information.

27. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

a transmitting unit for transmitting a signal including at least one of an information inquiry and the digitally coded traffic information.

28. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

a TMC decoder by which the digitally coded traffic information can be decoded according to the subset.

29. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

a memory for storing the digitally coded traffic information.

30. (Previously Presented) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

a navigation unit that includes an arrangement for processing an information content of a traffic message.

31. (Currently Amended) A transmitter for performing a conditioning and a transmitting of digitally coded traffic information, comprising:

an arrangement for coding the digitally coded traffic information according to a subset of possible options of predetermined regulations, the options relating to at least one of a TMC message format and the ALERT-C Syntax,

wherein the digitally coded traffic information does not make use of all the options.

32. (Previously Presented) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:

a transmitting unit for transmitting a signal that includes the digitally coded traffic information.

33. (Previously Presented) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a signal that includes at least one of an information inquiry and the digitally coded traffic information.

34. (Previously Presented) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:

a TMC coder for coding the digitally coded traffic information according to the subset.

35. (Previously Presented) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:

a memory for storing a traffic message.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the subset is a subset of digitally coded traffic messages format.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the subset is at least one of a subset of TMC reports format and a subset of the ALERT-C Syntax.